

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 7, 2001

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Gerald Hills, Chairman Michigan Republican State Committee 2121 East Grand River Ave Lansing, MI 48912

RE: MUR 5178

Michigan Democratic State Central
Committee and Roger E.
Winkelman, as treasurer
Democratic Congressional Campaign
Committee and Howard Wolfson,
as treasurer
Byzum for Congress and Hilda

Byrum for Congress and Hilda Patricia Curran, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Hills:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on March 1, 2001, concerning the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Roger Winkelman, as treasurer, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and its treasurer, and Byrum for Congress and Hilda Patricia Curran, as treasurer. Based on that complaint, on September 5, 2001, the Commission found that there was reason to believe the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Roger E. Winkelman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(6)(B)(iv), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to take no further action against the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Roger Winkelman, as treasurer. At the same time, the Commission admonished the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Roger Winkelman, as treasurer, that the failure to properly report the name of, and office sought by, the candidate on whose behalf a coordinated expenditure is made is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(6)(B)(iv). The Commission also found no reason to believe that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and Howard Wolfson, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(2)(A) and 441a(d), and found no reason to believe that Byrum for Congress and Hilda Patricia Curran, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), and closed the file in this matter.

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This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Scurry

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Attorney

Enclosure

First General Counsel's Report